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cial basis, such that Brother McAllister may feel that he has the backing of the national organization as he did not have during the first year of the life of the magazine. One of the keenest regrets I have at not being able to attend the council meeting is in the fact that I have missed a chance to know the brother to whose enterprise and perseverance alone can be attributed the present magazine and the future which lies before it.

Another evidence of the level-headed conservatism displayed by the members of the 1916 Council is in the disposition made of the ritual question. It is certain that it is within the power of the ritual either very greatly to add to or detract from the real meaning of membership in Phi Delta Kappa. Moreover, there is as great variance among the chapters regarding the nature of the ritual which they desire as there is in the personnel of their members. At the end of this year, during which the chapters will have been trying out a ritual recom-

mended by the committee appointed for that purpose, there may be a fairly distinct division on the question of the ritual recommended. In the light of past discussion it seems likely that this will be If such a situation does arise, I would suggest that we inquire into the facts to see if there are not also very distinct corresponding differences in the nature and membership of the chaptersdifferences to which the lack of agreement regarding a ritual might be attributed. In case this is so I see no reason for not applying to the ritual the suggestion made by Dr. Cubberley in his address to the Phi Delta Kappas at Detroit last spring. If there are two fairly distinct types of Phi Delta Kappa chapters, why not differentiate in the rituals authorized for each one? Let us have the spirit of "give and take" to which Dr. Cubberley referred.

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A Function of the Phi Delta Kappan

As the Phi Delta Kappan becomes more and more firmly established it behooves all of the members of the Fraternity to keep well in mind the possibilities of using the Magazine in the service of the organization. In fact that is its only justification for existence. It can and will serve as a unifying factor in the upbuilding of the Fraternity at a time when we are entering upon a period of unprecedented growth. Now is the time when we can lay the foundations deep and well.

Why can we not keep a corner open for the "Question Box?" The more we

can make the Magazine enter in the professional lives of our members the more quickly will it become firmly established.

Another feature which has already been discussed but which needs to be emphasized, is the service of the Magazine in locating missing members. Now that every member is a subscriber—entitled to receive the Magazine—there is an added incentive for each and every one to let his whereabouts be known. This will operate where abstract loyalty

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alone would fail. This one feature will prove of immense value to the Fraternity.

Every member of the Fraternity should feel free at all times to offer suggestions for the improvement of the Magazine. Some means of facilitating

this should be worked out. Perhaps a tear-out "Suggestion Sheet" might be added as one of the fly leaves of each issue.

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